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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
GABRIEL ROUSSIE : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/EP04/13743)  
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FOR: IMPROVEMENT OF RESISTANCE :  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.